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**1 – Louisiana waterways among most polluted in nation, report says, Times-Picayune, 6/19/14**

[http://www.nola.com/business/index.ssf/2014/06/louisiana\\_waterways\\_among\\_most.html](http://www.nola.com/business/index.ssf/2014/06/louisiana_waterways_among_most.html)

Louisiana's waterways are among the most polluted in the nation, with industrial facilities releasing more than 12.6 million pounds of toxic chemicals into rivers, bayous and other waters in 2012, according to a report released Thursday (June 19) by the Environment America Research and Policy Center.

**2 – Texas Gas Town Considers Banning Fracking, ABC News, 6/19/14**

<http://abcnews.go.com/Technology/wireStory/texas-gas-town-considers-banning-fracking-24221496>

For more than a decade, Denton has drawn its lifeblood from the huge gas reserves that lie beneath its streets. The gas fields have produced a billion dollars in mineral wealth and pumped more than \$30 million into city bank accounts.

**3 – Foul odor in St. Rose caused by refining crude oil that produced sulfur compounds, DEQ says, Times-Picayune, 6/19/14**

[http://www.nola.com/environment/index.ssf/2014/06/foul\\_odor\\_in\\_st\\_rose\\_caused\\_by.html](http://www.nola.com/environment/index.ssf/2014/06/foul_odor_in_st_rose_caused_by.html)

The cause of a foul odor that lingered for several days in St. Rose has been linked to the refining of a crude oil that contained high levels of sulfur compounds, a state Department of Environmental Quality spokesman said Thursday (June 19).

**4 – Coal state lawmakers concerned about new carbon rules, Star-Telegram, 6/19/14**

<http://www.star-telegram.com/2014/06/19/5914044/coal-state-lawmakers-concerned.html>

Republican lawmakers from states reliant on coal production and coal-powered energy challenged a top administration official Thursday, questioning the legality and effects of new standards to reduce carbon pollution through the nation's power plants.

**5 – After more than a decade, Denton, Texas, having second thoughts about fracking, website reports, Times-Picayune, 6/19/14**

[http://www.nola.com/politics/index.ssf/2014/06/after\\_more\\_than\\_a\\_decade\\_dento.html](http://www.nola.com/politics/index.ssf/2014/06/after_more_than_a_decade_dento.html)

While St. Tammany Parish government is seeking to prevent fracking from gaining a foothold in the parish, the city of Denton, Texas, is considering a ban on the practice after experiencing more than a decade of drilling.

**6 – (Op-ED) Barnes and Coan: Failed energy policy bills represent missed opportunity, Beaumont Enterprise, 6/18/2014**

<http://www.beaumontenterprise.com/opinion/outlook/article/Barnes-and-Coan-Failed-energy-policy-bills-5562432.php>

Passing U.S. energy legislation has never been easy. And it seems to be getting harder each year. This state of affairs reflects any number of factors: the complexity of the issues, the often contentious science behind them and the multitude of interest groups – both business and environmental - with a stake in the outcome.

**7 – Citizen Suit Fears Drive Calls For Agencies To Drop CWA Waivers For Farms, Inside EPA, 6/19/2014**

<http://insideepa.com/201406192474637/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/citizen-suit-fears-drive-calls-for-agencies-to-drop-cwa-waivers-for-farms/menu-id-95.html?s=dn>

House lawmakers are urging EPA and other agencies to drop their interpretive rule that exempts more than 50 agricultural practices from Clean Water Act (CWA) dredge-and-fill permit mandates, a companion to their controversial plan clarifying the law's reach, due to concerns that the measure will open the door to citizen suits -- a concern that a top administration official is acknowledging.

**8 - Landrieu, Udall Eye Bill To Accelerate LNG Exports, Inside EPA, 6/19/2014**

<http://cleanenergyreport.com/201406192474529/Clean-Energy-Report-Blog/Clean-Energy-Wire/landrieu-udall-eye-bill-to-accelerate-lng-exports/menu-id-204.html?s=dn>

Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee Chairman Mary Landrieu (D-LA) and panel member Mark Udall (D-CO) have introduced a bill to accelerate Department of Energy (DOE) approval of liquified natural gas (LNG) exports, prompting push-back from critics who say expediting exports will drive up domestic natural gas prices.

**9 - PRC OKs \$56MIL Valencia power plant, Abq Journal, 6/18/2014**

<http://www.abqjournal.com/417424/biz/prc-oks-56mil-valencia-power-plant.html>

PNM said it is moving ahead with the development of its \$56 million La Luz Energy Center, a 40-megawatt natural gas power plant to be located five miles southwest of Belen in Valencia County thanks to a green light from the Public Regulation Commission on Wednesday.

**10 - Cities take steps to address extreme heat, Climate Wire, 6/19/2014**

<http://www.eenews.net/climatewire/2014/06/19/stories/1060001590>

It's that time of year again when sweat seeps through T-shirts and shoes feel as if they're melting into the sidewalk.

But severe heat can do far more damage. High urban temperatures have negative effects on air quality, energy consumption, climate resilience, stormwater management and public health.

**11 - A Push for New Look into Tainted Water's Source, New York Times, 6/19/2014**

[http://www.nytimes.com/2014/06/20/us/a-push-for-new-look-into-tainted-waters-source.html?ref=us&\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2014/06/20/us/a-push-for-new-look-into-tainted-waters-source.html?ref=us&_r=0)

Steve Lipsky has nearly everything he needs on his 14-acre estate along the Brazos River, west of Fort Worth. The estate includes a guesthouse, a resort-style swimming pool and a seven-bathroom, 15,000-square-foot home where he lives with his wife and three children.

**12 – Landrieu backs bill to force pipeline approval, Baton Rouge Advocate, 6/18/2014**

<http://theadvocate.com/home/9494301-125/bill-to-force-approval-of>

A bill to require President Barack Obama to approve the stalled Keystone XL pipeline cleared a U.S. Senate committee Wednesday, but Republicans, who generally support the project, denounced the move as a political stunt by committee Chairwoman Mary Landrieu, D-La.

**13 - Texas gas town considers banning fracking, AP, 6/19/2014**

<http://news.msn.com/us/texas-gas-town-considers-banning-fracking>

Natural gas money has been good to this Texas city: It has new parks, a new golf course and miles of grassy soccer fields. The business district is getting a makeover, and the airport is bustling, too.